

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address impairments in the Robinson River and Little Dark Run watersheds. The subject stream segments are identified in Virginia's *2002 303(d) Report on Impaired Waters* and the *2004 Virginia Water Quality Assessment 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report* as impaired due to exceedances of the State's water quality criterion for fecal coliform bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) list.

The impaired stream segments are located in Madison County. The first impairment is a 2.92-mile segment of the Robinson River extending from the confluence of the Rose River, near the intersection of Routes 600 and 670, downstream to Route 231. The second impairment is a 5.21-mile segment of the Robinson River extending from the confluence of White Oak Run, downstream to the Robinson's confluence with the Rappahannock River. The third impairment is a 4.26-mile segment of Little Dark Run extending from the headwaters of Little Dark Run, near the intersection of Routes 231 and 687, downstream to its confluence with Dark Run, near Route 680.

The second public meeting on the development of the Robinson River and Little Dark Run TMDLs will be held on **Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.** at the War Memorial Building located at the corner of Main and Church Streets in the Town of Madison, Virginia.

The public comment period will begin on January 18, 2005 and end on February 16, 2005. Fact sheets on the development of the TMDLs for the impairments referenced above are available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Bryant Thomas. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Mr. Bryant Thomas, Department of Environmental Quality, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia, 22193, telephone (703) 583-3843, Fax (703) 583-3841, or e-mail bhthomas@deq.virginia.gov.